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1. FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT DEMARCHE WITH POLES - WE HAVE WON AGREEMENT FROM ALL CONCERNED THAT GEORGE VEST SHOULD MAKE THE INFORMAL DEMARCHE YOU RECOMMENDED. WE EXPECT CHRISTOPHER'S APPROVAL SHORTLY. GEORGE WILL SEE SPASOWSKI JUNE 7 AT 11:15 A.M.

2. APPOINTMENT WITH CAPTIVE NATIONS GROUP - WE HAVE ALLOCATED JUNE 8 AT 11:30 A.M. FOR YOU TO RECEIVE STEFAN KORBONSKI'S DELEGATION FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES. THEY THINK THEY WILL BE SEEING ME IN YOUR ABSENCE, SO YOU ARE NOT COMMITED. NEVERTHELESS, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU AGREE TO SEE THEM. AN INTENTIONAL DOWNGRADE OF THE LEVEL AT WHICH THEY ARE RECEIVED WOULD NOT BE WISE AT THIS TIME, IN MY JUDGMENT.

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3. MFN WAIVER PACKAGE - THE PRESIDENT SIGNED OFF ON THE PACKAGE TODAY (JUNE 2) AND IT IS GOING FORWARD TO THE HILL. ACCORDING TO BOB KING, THE WHITE HOUSE MADE SOME LANGUAGE CHANGES TO MAKE EVEN CLEARER THE ATTENTION WE ARE GIVING TO MONITORING EMIGRATION; WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE REVISED TEXT AS YET. WE KNOW YOU WANTED TO BE THE FIRST TO TELL YOUR FRIEND AMBASSADOR NICOLAE THE GOOD NEWS. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER,

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HE SAW GEORGE VEST THIS AFTERNOON AND GEORGE DID THE HONORS.

4. CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON HUNGARY AND ROMANIA - AS YOU KNOW, GEORGE VEST WILL BE TRYING TO SEE 25 SENATORS DURING THE COURSE OF NEXT WEEK ON TURKEY AND ALSO ON THE HUNGARIAN AGREEMENT. SEVEN OF THE PEOPLE ON HIS LIST ARE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. WE HAVE ADDED RIBICOFF TO HIS LIST. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST (SOFIA 1034), WE'VE BEEN TRYING FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH SENATORS NELSON, HATHAWAY, PELL, MCGOVERN, STEVENSON, CHURCH, AND HART. THUS FAR, NOT MUCH LUCK SINCE NOT ONLY THEY BUT ALSO THEIR APPOINTMENT SECRETARIES ARE ON RECESS UNTIL NEXT WEEK. SOME SENATORS, WE LEARNED TODAY, ARE NOT EXPECTED BACK BEFORE WEDNESDAY. WE HAVE A TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT FOR YOU WITH PELL ON THURSDAY AND HOPE TO HAVE BETTER SUCCESS EARLY NEXT WEEK.

5. FROM LEVITSKY - BUREAUCRATIC HASSLING OVER OUR PAPER, ESPECIALLY WITH PLANNING PEOPLE, HAS BEEN LONG AND ARDUOUS. IT SHOULD GO TO HIGH LEVEL HERE TODAY FOR CLEARANCE PRIOR TO TRANSMISSION. HAD TO DO SOME REVISING AND REORDERING, BUT THRUST OF PAPER IS BASICALLY THE SAME AS WHEN YOU LAST SAW IT. CHRISTOPHER

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